

delay. It has also been felt for some time that some more prompt method of bringing the results of very important scientific investigations before the world should be made available than the annual Transactions. The obvious solution was to publish the papers submitted to the Royal Society more frequently. A beginning was made in 1925 when the three scientific sections brought out their papers in bi-yearly parts instead of annually. Even though this was only a step in the right direction it added materially to the cost of publication.

The new plan proved to be very popular and a number of men who had hitherto not thought it worth while to prepare papers that could only be published at the end of the year now sent in their contributions, and the Society was faced with the alternative of either refusing many important papers or finding the increased amount necessary to publish in the new form. The financial situation at that time was such that the Government did not feel justified in increasing the grant. An appeal was then made to the National Research Council and the Universities to guarantee \$4500 as a temporary measure. Some of the Universities were facing heavy deficits, yet they were so impressed with the importance of securing more prompt publication of Royal Society papers that they agreed to do their share. With this assurance the Society was able to continue the bi-annual publication of scientific papers, but this plan only partially realizes the Society's objective which is quarterly, and if possibly eventually monthly publication of papers. Moreover the present financial arrangement is very precarious because some of the Universities have already advised us that their financial position makes it impossible for them to continue the grant and as the scheme was conditional on all participating it falls through. The Universities also